

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Horticulture Department - AP Micro Irrigation Project - Enhancement of subsidy to 100% for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes and 90% to others under AP Micro Irrigation Project in 22 districts of Andhra Pradesh - Amendment - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (HORTI.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 161

Dt: 26-06-2009.

Read the following :-

1. G.O.Ms.No. 577, A&C(Horti.) Dept., dt. 3.7.2003.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 113, A&C(Horti.) Department, dt. 6.6.2007.
3. From COH, AP.,Hyd. Lr.No. APMIP/1350/2008, dt. 6.2.2009.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st and 2nd read above, Government have enhanced the subsidy from the existing 50% for sprinkler system and 60% for drip Irrigation system to 70% for both the systems uniformly under AP Micro Irrigation Project in the 22 districts in the State.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has stated that, the AP Micro Irrigation Project was launched in November, 2003 with an objective of bringing 2.48 lakh ha. area under Micro Irrigation by providing advanced methods of Irrigation systems to the farmers with 50% subsidy on the system cost. He has further stated that, due to various initiatives taken up by the State Government, the Project has reached new heights and stood first continuously in the country for the last four years (Nov.2003 to March 2008) by covering 3.76 Lakh ha area with MI systems benefiting more than 2.5 lakh farmers in the State. During 2008-09 year also already an extent of 1.15 lakh ha. has been brought under Micro Irrigation. Considering the potential available in AP, still about 40 Lakh ha. can be brought under Micro Irrigation and over 80% of the farmers are small and marginal farmers. Over a period of time, the subsidy on MI Systems was gradually increased. During 2005-2006 year the subsidy was enhanced by the Government of AP from the initial 50% to 60% and during the year 2006-07, it was further enhanced to 70%, keeping in view the demand from the small and marginal farmers.

3. The Commissioner of Horticulture, has further stated that, for the year 2008-09, a target of 1.5 lakhs ha. has been approved by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, for which the amount required under State Share is Rs. 211.86 Crores. However, the NABARD has approved Rs.199.00 Crores under RIDF-XIV. So far, an area of 1.145 lakh ha. has been already covered with 70% subsidy leaving a balance of only 35,500 ha. for the financial year 2008-09 in the event of enhancement of subsidy from 70% to 90% . it would cost an additional amount of Rs.21.91 crores on state exchequer for covering the balance area during this year. For the year 2009-10 an extent of 1.5 lac. ha is likely to be set as target, which requires an additional amount of Rs.106.48 crores in view of 90%. Hence, he has requested the Government to pass appropriate orders regarding the enhancement of the subsidy from 70% to 90% under AP Micro Irrigation Project duly amending the GO Ms.No. 113, dated 6.6.2007 of Agriculture & Cooperation Department.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby issue the following amendment to para (7) of G.O.Ms.No. 113, Agriculture & Cooperation (Horti.) Department, dated 6.6.2007:-

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AMENDMENT

For para 7 of G.O.Ms.No. 113, Agriculture & Cooperation (Horti.) Department, dated. 6.6.2007, the following shall be substituted:-

" Government, after careful examination of the matter and also accepting the recommendations of the Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, hereby enhance the subsidy from the existing 70% to 100% to Scheduled Castes /Scheduled Tribes and 90% to others under AP Micro Irrigation Project in 22 districts of Andhra Pradesh with effect from 1.4.2009".

5. The orders issued at para (4) above shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from 1.4.2009, subject to adjusting the requirement within the plan ceiling of the Budget for the year 2009-10.

6. All the District Collectors are requested to follow the instructions scrupulously while implementing scheme:-

- (a) The applications/contributions received from farmers or on behalf of farmers through various Agencies pending prior to 31.3.2009 will not be entertained.
- (b) They are requested to clear the bills within a reasonable time ie, within one month, from the date of grounding the scheme/receipt of completion certificates with invoices and thereafter to get it cross checked/surveyed by the third party in the matter.
- (c) They should also ensure that action be strictly taken for implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan and Special component Plan and maintain the ratio ie., 16.2% and 6.6% for the SC &ST beneficiaries in each district respectively.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (WA.I) Department, vide their U.O.No. 6573-I/293/RIDF/WA2/2009, dated 25.6.2009.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PANKAJ DWIVEDI,
APC & PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Horticulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Sericulture, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad..

The Commissioner of Sugar and Cane, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad..

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The P.S. to Prl.Secy. to Govt., Finance Department.

The R.O., NABARD.

SC/SF.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER